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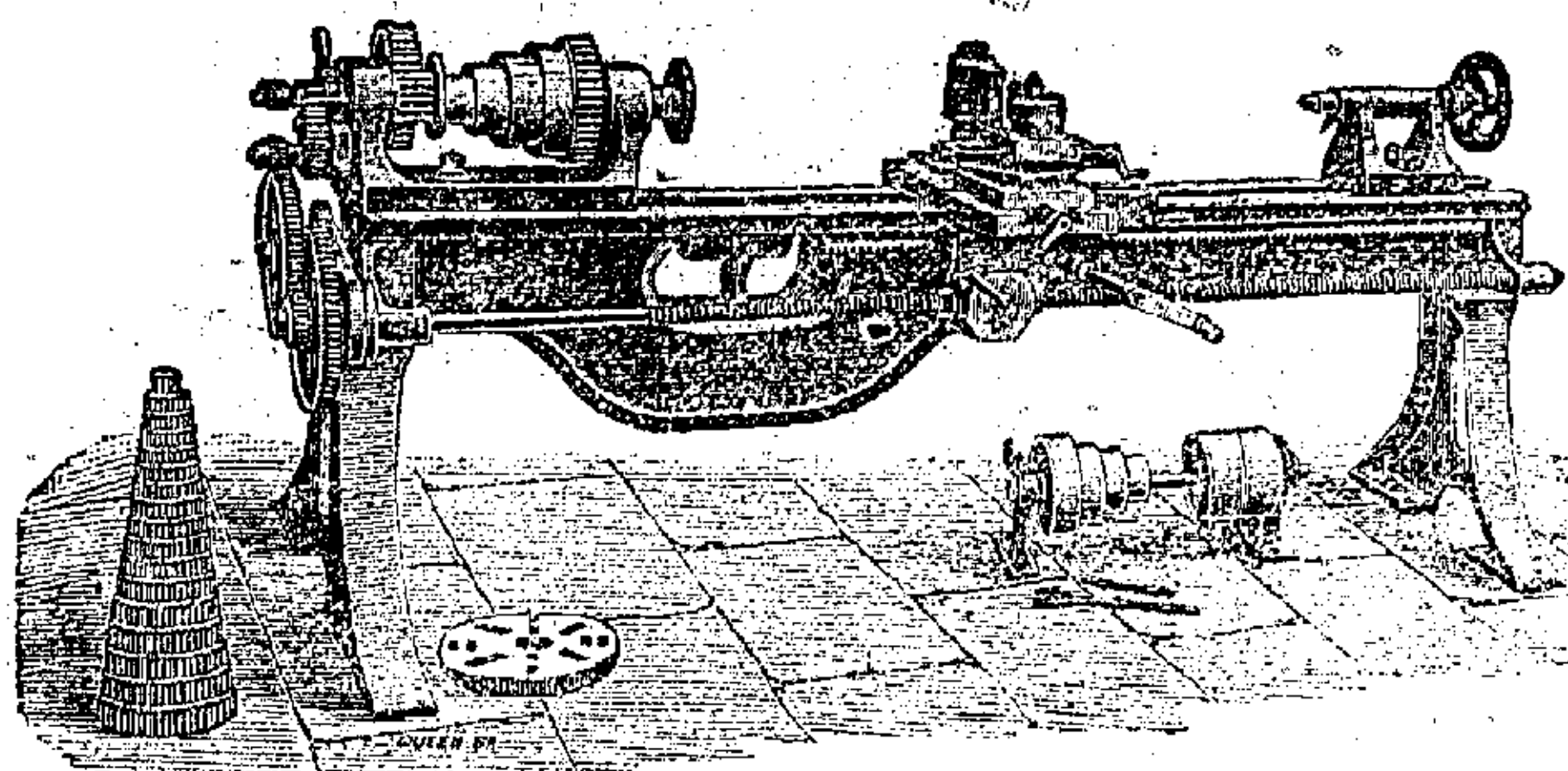
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## MEMOS. FOR TOMORROW.

Meeting.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Lodge St. John.

Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Harrison's Grand Circus, at the Recreation Ground (Near the Race Course).

Miscellaneous.  
5.10 p.m.—Lecture, by Captain G. C. Anderson, in the City Hall.

General Memoranda.  
Wednesday, January 13.  
Goods per *Amoy* arrived undelivered after 2 p.m. this date landed.

Thursday, February 14.  
10 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Victualling Stores, at H. M. Naval Yard.

Friday, February 15.  
Goods per *Richmond Castle* undelivered after this date subject to re-shipment.

Saturday, February 16.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

6.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

Monday, February 25.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, Queen's Buildings, New Kowloon.

Wednesday, March 6.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, Padders Street.

Thursday, March 7.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 2, Queen's Road Central.

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## MARRIAGE.

At the English Church, Nagasaki, Japan, on 30th January, by the Rev. A. R. Fulton, JAMES, third son of the late William SHAW, Glasgow, to Mary Kien, adopted child of the late Mrs Whyte, Rosneath, Scotland.

## DEATHS.

On the 4th February, at No. 5, Nanking Road, Shanghai, FRANCIS CLAUDE HAMILL, 70th Dufferin; aged 10 months.

At Forest Lodge, Cairne Road, on the 9th February, 1901, PAUL JOMAY, aged 49 years. Deeply regretted.

At No. 1, College Gardens, on the 11th February, SARAH RUSSELL, aged 61 years. Deeply regretted.

The publication of this item commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

It is notified that Market Street will in future bear the name of 'Po Hing Fong.'

A campaign has been started by the missionaries against immorality in Shanghai.

It is rumoured that the Bank of Japan and the Yokohama Specie Bank are to be amalgamated.

A case of death from hydrophobia is reported from Yokohama—a Japanese man being the victim.

A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced in Kobe at 1.15 p.m. on Jan. 30, lasting about 30 seconds.

A team of missionaries played a team from H. M. S. *Essex* at Ichang a fortnight ago at 'socket' football. The sailors won.

Fathers Vial, Gorostanz, and Kircher left Luchow for Yunnan City on 4th inst. The Customs officials have also returned to their posts.

One more case of plague falls to be added to the list, which makes 10 cases since the beginning of the year. All were Chinese and all terminated fatally.

There have been several large fires in Shanghai, involving foreign insurance companies in heavy losses. So far as we are aware, the local insurance companies have escaped.

For slowing away or board the *Essex*, on the passage from Manila to Hongkong, Thomas Moore, an American, aged 20 years, was sent to prison for four teen days.

There were 318 European and 115 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library and 143 European and 2,622 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 10th February.

A decree by the King of Siam, prohibiting the exportation of arms to China and Hongkong and a Regulation by H. B. M. Charge d'Affaires at Bangkok, are published in the *Gazette*.

Yesterday, the body of a Chinaman was found, suspended by the neck, in a drain, at a house in course of construction, at Des Voeux Road Central. It is supposed that the man had committed suicide.

Under the Marriage Ordinance of 1875, notice is given in the *Gazette* that the American Board Mission Church has been licensed by H. E. the Governor for the celebration of marriages.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr. Jean Gonzalez as in charge of the Spanish and Peruvian Consulates in Hongkong, during the temporary absence from the Colony of Mr. J. M. Zengier, the Acting Consul.

Additional police and police pension regulations have been substituted for those published in 1895, which have been replaced by the Governor-in-Council. They are published in the *Gazette*, and refer to punishments for offences and their effect on pensions.

The Yuchou Tactel and H. M. Consul have given their consent for missionaries to return, and now workers are on their way to Changsha and Siangtan on the Siang River, and Changteh and Sheuchon on the Yuan River.

The *Empire* de *Milieu* says that the Emperor has disapproved of the Russo-Chinese Manchurian Convention, and has ordered Prince Ching and Li Hung-chang to approach the Russian Minister with the object of having the Convention annulled.

The tribute money sent up to Hsian-fu from the provinces amounts already to more than (£10,000,000) and the Emperor Dowager is said to be now contemplating erecting a new palace with a surrounding wall at a cost of over one million taels.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. John Lambert has been authorized by H. E. the Governor, under Section 2 (d) of Ordinance 9 of 1892, to be a surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships under 60 tons burden, during the absence from the Colony of Mr. E. J. Main.

Mr. Cheung Tsi has been provisionally and until further notice appointed a Deputy Registrar to undertake such portion of the duties of Registrar of the Land Court as cannot conveniently be performed by the Registrar while at Tai Po in the new territory, or as the Court may direct.

'The Yellow Dragon.'

The fifth number of Vol. II. of *The Yellow Dragon*, the Queen's College monthly, is now in the hands of subscribers. It is a good number, and contains an excellently written memorial notice of the late Queen Victoria, over the familiar initials of 'T.K.D.' The School Notes are full, and show that there is a good deal being done at Queen's College to widen the horizon of the pupils.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

What would you do if taken with colic or cholera morbus when your physician is away from home and the drug stores are closed? After one such emergency you will have to keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in your home; but why not until the horse is stolen before you look the stable? For sale by All Dealers, WARRICK & Co., General Agents.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Compradore Arrested.

A compradore in the service of the Messageries Fluviales at Haiphong has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement \$800. The alleged embezzlement is said to have been committed in connection with the sale of tickets to Chinese passengers.

French Steamers for Eastern Trade.

The Compagnie des Chargeurs Reunis has decided to run a regular line of steamers between Haiphong and Saigon and Haiphong. Six new steamers have been built for the trade at St. Nazaire and Havre.

Terrible Disaster in Japan.

According to a Tokyo telegram, dated the 29th January, the second hospital of the Tokyo University was destroyed by fire at 6 a.m. on that date. There was a terrible loss of life, 32 out of 96 patients being burnt to death.

Weather Observations.

The Meteorological Observations made at Hongkong Observatory during the past month show that the maximum temperature was 75.8, while the lowest was 60.8, giving a mean for the month of 68.5. There were 94.3 hours of sunshine, and 0.685 of an inch of rain, while the average wind velocity was 13.6. The greatest velocity attained was 24.1 miles per hour.

Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund.

The report for 1900 on the Hongkong Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund is published in the *Gazette*. The amount to the credit of the Fund on 31st December was \$88,733.24, which included \$403.96 interest paid by the Government. The average monthly contributions amounted to \$1200. On the 31st December, 1899, the number of contributors on the books was 246, and at the same date last year the number was 318, an increase of 72. The contributors are made up as follows:—139 ladies, 175 married men, and 8 widowers. During the period under review, 111 officers joined the Fund, 26 left and 4 died. The total number of children on the list was 271. The pensioners numbered 14, and their pensions aggregated \$1341.94 per annum. The report is signed by Hon. A. M. Thomson, Chairman, and Mr. A. W. Brewin, Dr. Clark, Mr. E. H. d'Almeida and E. Cornwell Lewis, directors, and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, etc.

Victoria Gaol Returns.

The *Gazette* has published the number of prisoners admitted to Victoria Gaol, during the year 1900. The total number was 5203, besides 127 soldiers and sailors sentenced by Courts-Martial. There were 30 prisoners admitted for debt and 1210 default of finding security, making a total of 5432. Of these, 702 were old offenders. The total of the previous year was 4769. The daily average was 481 as compared with 434 for 1899 and 510 in 1898. The number of prisoners admitted for offences not of a criminal nature was 2357, of which 444, gambling 603, disorderly conduct 477, Sanitary bye-laws 148, arms 69 and drunkennes 123. There were six deaths and two executions during the year. The industrial employment of prisoners remained the same as last year. The value of the printing done by them amounted to \$17,365.57 and the net profit on this department to \$12,094.41. The total profits on all industrial labour amounted to \$17,438.34. It is pointed out that the accommodation is insufficient, and that the building of a new prison for convicts should receive early consideration.

A Reform Decree.

The Reform Decree mentioned in these columns yesterday has arrived in Shanghai (says the *N.C. Daily News* of the 6th inst.), that is to say, a copy of it. It is a private message to the Viceroy and Governors of the Empire and not a general decree to officials and people of the country. The decree commences with the Emperor's attempts at Reform in 1898, most of which were good for the country. Unfortunately there were traitors and backbiters at Court who disturbed the friendship between the Emperor Dowager and the Emperor, prevented unanimity, and made their Majesties bitter enemies. These intrigues have now come to light and their Majesties are now conscious of their respective failings; they are now determined to act with unanimity and mutual friendliness for the best welfare and interests of the empire. Amongst the reforms needed by the country's first and foremost the speedy construction of the Yangtze Valley Railway, and the railways connecting Shanghai, Soochow and Nanjing. Another reform is to change the present methods of literary examinations. The decree closes with: 'Our Viceroy and Governors of the Empire must not think the above are empty words; they must know that we are determined to carry our reforms through without fail, and they are further commanded to send us recommendations of reforms as well as to faithfully state what they think of our own suggestions.'

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The Japanese Budget.

The Budget Committee has, it is reported, passed the Japanese Government's proposal for increasing the taxes on salt, sugar, beer, tobacco, alcohol and petroleum. The proposals were opposed by a section of the Committee, but was finally approved.

Japanese Coal.

The demand for Japanese coal is increasing in the Philippines. During the last three months of 1900, the coal bought by the U. S. Government at Manila amounted to 7,617 tons, the value being \$37,040. The United States Government, moreover, bought 10,000 tons of coal at Nagasaki, Yokohama and Hongkong during 1900, the value of which was \$149,238.

Keep Your Doors Closed.

We have been requested to draw attention to the fact that, at this season of the year, there is always a considerable influx of bad characters, who come from the interior and from the outlying parts of the Colony with the intention of making a little spoil during the New Year festivities. People, Chinese particularly, had better lock the doors and secure the windows of their houses when they go out in the evening.

The 'Suihsang.'

The Idang correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* on 23rd January—There is a report current that an attempt is to be made to raise the ill-fated German steamer, the *Rohde*, of Melchers & Co., which is here on behalf of the underwriters. But if any attempt is to be made it is about time it was done, as in two months the water will be rising and any diving operations would be difficult. At present the river is very low and the water is beautifully blue and clear.

Harmston's Circus.

The Circus is still doing good business, and this week promises to be more popular than ever. Saturday's programme was heartily enjoyed by the audience at both performances. The Jassons are the recipients of unstinted applause. To-night, there will be a change in the bill, introducing all the company and the famous stud of horses in the great spectacle 'Fris Diavolo.' To-morrow evening, the tug-of-war commences. This promises to be one of the most exciting contests ever held in Hongkong, for, as will be seen from the advertisement elsewhere, a large number of military and naval teams will be engaged. In addition to the Royal Welch Fusiliers, the crack team from the U. S. S. *Brooklyn* (which will give an international interest to the competition) and two from the Siege Train. The captains interested must be hand when the draw takes place to-night in the Circus at 9.30. The usual matinee takes place on Wednesday.

Poisonous Snakes in Hongkong.

The *N.C. Daily News* of the 8th inst. has a contributed article from Captain Wall, I.M.S., on 'Poisonous Snakes in China,' in the course of which frequent references are made to specimens in the Hongkong Museum. Amongst those mentioned are the *Naja tigrina* or common cobra, whose bite is fatal, and which grows to 6 ft. 4 in. or more; the *Dugesi* *faucialis* (this usually fatal), which grows to 8 ft. 6 in., and a specimen of which Capt. Wall found in the camp at Kowloon on 21st November last; the *Naja bungarus* (this fatal), which grows to 4 ft.; the *Trimeresurus gramineus*, the green pit viper or bamboo snake (this not usually fatal to a healthy adult); the *Calophis macellandi*, a small and very beautiful little snake (this not likely to be fatal); the *Naja bungarus* ed *ophiophagus* (this cobra, 15 ft. long); and the *Anirolis* *Blomhoffi*, a pit viper, found in Japan, Formosa, and China. With regard to the bamboo snake, Capt. Wall writes:—This is very common in and about Hongkong; there are many specimens in the museum there, and I myself procured four specimens during my four months' stay there, three from the island itself and one from Stonecutter's Island. There is at least one bottled specimen in the Shanghai Museum, presumably from China, though no habitat is recorded. I am familiar with this snake, as it is common in Burma, and I believe its bite, though producing serious symptoms, does not usually kill an adult in good health. Capt. Evans and I have recorded the largest specimen, viz., three feet eight inches. Of the *Naja bungarus* ed *ophiophagus* he says:—This is the same as the cobra, or snake-eating cobra, and the largest known poisonous snake in the world. I saw a young specimen, probably a hatchling, in the Hongkong Museum, of local production, and also a few weeks ago had the opportunity of examining a fairly large specimen which had been recently killed on the new territory a few miles from Hongkong. Its bite is as deadly as that of the cobra, and it is known to frequently attack man when disturbed. It grows to fifteen feet, probably more.

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